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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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FINANCIAL CONDITIONS OF NIMHANS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of patients treated by the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) during the year 2002 2003;

(b) whether the Government are aware that NIMHANS is facing an acute financial crisis;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the amount spent on medicines during the year 2002-2003;

(e) the amount proposed to be spent on medicines during the year 2003-04;

(f) whether poor patients who do not possess Below Poverty line cards had been denied medical treatment;

(g) if so, the details thereof;

(h) whether the Government have any proposal to increase the budgetary allocation of NIMHANS in order to enable it to provide proper medicines to poor patients; and

(i) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (i): Patients totaling 3,68,871 were treated by the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) during the year 2002-03. The Institute has spent an amount of Rs.292.11 lakhs on medicines during the year 2002-03. An amount of Rs.2 to 3 crores is earmarked towards medicines during the year 2003-04. Poor patients who do not possess Below Poverty Line cards are not denied medical treatment.

Adequate budgetary support is provided to NIMHANS by the Government of India.